

**ELECTION OF CLAIMS/REMARKS**

Claims 18-34 are currently pending in the application. Claims 18-34 are subject to restriction, with the claim species groupings as follows:

**Group I:** Claims 18 and 20-25, drawn to a process comprising oil treated cellulose  
5 fibers (162/158).

**Group II:** Claims 19 and 26-31, drawn to a process comprising oil treated superabsorbent material(162/158).

**Group III:** Claims 32-38, drawn to a method for producing oil treated fibers (8/116.1)

Applicant elects to prosecute **Group III**, Claims 32-38, drawn to a method for  
10 producing oil treated fibers. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R 1.111, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the application.

Non-elected claims 18-31 are canceled without prejudice to any application for patent directed to the subject matter of the canceled claims that may be filed in the future.

### CONCLUSION

In summary, Applicant elects to prosecute the Group III claims, Claims 32-38 in the instant application. Based upon the above remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application.

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Respectfully submitted,



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